

Present perfect Tense

The present perfect tense is used when describing an action that has started in the past and continues up to the present.

1. Form:

Affirmative

The present perfect is made with : **subject + have/has + past participle.**

- I have taught English since 2015.
- Johnny Depp has starred in lots of brilliant films.

Negative

The negative present perfect is made with : **subject + have/has not + past participle.**

- I haven't seen the first Bond film.

Interrogative

Present perfect **yes/no** questions are made from: **have/has + subject + past participle?**

Present perfect question word questions are made from: **question word + have/has + subject + past participle?**

2. When do we use the Present Perfect Tense?

2.1. Talking about general experiences (ever, never)

It usually refers to an event happening at some moment in your life.

- **Has** she ever **tried** Chilean wine before? (in her life)
- I've never **eaten** monkey brains before. (in my life)

2.2. Events that recently occurred (just)

- Do you want to go to a restaurant with me?
No, thanks. I've just **eaten** lunch. (I recently ate lunch.)

2.3. Events that have not occurred up to now (yet)

- Are Carlos and Rodrigo here? No, they **haven't arrived** yet. (they're still not here now)

2.4. Events that occurred before you expected (already)

- I've already **finished** the homework when Sara arrived

2.5. Events that began in the past and continues up to the present (for, since)

- Mike **has worked** at Woodward for 3 years.
(Mike started working at Woodward 3 years ago and he still works there now.)
- Julie **has worked** at Woodward since September last year.
(Julie began working at Woodward in September of last year, and that hasn't changed - she still works here now.)

Activity 1: Put the verbs into the present perfect

1. The students _____ a flight to Vienna. **(to book)**
2. The cat _____ a mouse. **(just/to catch)**
3. Jack and Brian _____ this picture. **(just/to draw)**
4. He _____ his friends. **(already/to invite)**
5. Julia _____ a table with three columns. **(just/to make)**
6. My friends _____ the geography test. **(to pass)**
7. I _____ the rabbits. **(just/to feed)**
8. The baby hedgehogs _____ the water. You need to get more. **(already/to drink)**
9. The teacher _____ the keys, so he can't open the door. **(to lose)**
10. . Our teacher _____ in Oxford Street. **(live)**
11. Eric and Tom _____ blue shirts. **(wear)**
12. My sister _____ a song. **(sing)**
13. Mr Black _____ in his office. **(work)**
14. The girls often _____ a book. **(read)**

Activity 2: Complete with correct form of the present perfect.

- Emma..... this film on TV. **(never/to see)**
- How oftenshe the office this morning? **(to phone)**
- the Millers.....yet? **(to arrive)**
- John on a trip through Alaska. **(never/to go)**
-they everto New York? **(to be)**
- Andy his sister's bike. **(not/to repair)**
- youa knife in the kitchen? **(to drop)**
- Ia new laptop. **(to buy)**
-Tobyhis blue pen yet? **(to find)**

- The studentstheir homework so far. (*not/to forget*)

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